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SUBJECT: PL-480 ANNUITY NEGOTIATIONS

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1. DEPT. IS PRINTING AGREED NOTIFICATION TO ANNUITANTS AND PLANS TO HAVE THEM INSERTED INTO JUNE DATED CHECKS BY BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AT TREASURY. THERE IS SMALL POSSIBILITY WE WILL BE UNABLE TO MEET EXACT PRINTING AND FOLDING REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTOMATED STUFFING BY JUNE 3 DEADLINE. SINCE BUREAU CANNOT DELAY CHECK PRINTING, AN ENGLISH AND POLISH LANGUAGE COPIES OFTHE NOTIFICATION WERE AIRPOUCHED TO LAMBERTY MAY 29 FOR INSERTION BY EMBASSY SHOULD THIS PROVE NECESSARY.

2. DEPT. AGREED THAT VOA WOULD ALSO BE GOOD METHOD OF NOTIFYING ANNUITANTS. WE HAVE THEREFORE ARRANGED FOR VOA POLISH SERVICE TO BROADCAST PERIODICALLY DURING JUNE THE
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VERBATIM TEXT OF THE NOTIFICATION WITHOUT COMMENT. WE

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HAVE PROVIDED THEM WITH LEAD IN AND CLOSING LANGUAGE.

3. DEPT. AGREES THAT EMBASSY AND CONSULATES SHOULD BE

AUTHORIZED TO DISTRIBUTE AGREED NOTIFICATION BEFORE MAILING OF MAY CHECKS.

4. DEPT. ACCEPTS EMBASSY'S SUGGESTED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AS INTERNAL GUIDANCE FOR ORAL RESPONSES BY LOCAL EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, TWO OF THE Q'S AND A'S SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
Q: WHAT DOES REMOVAL OF OVERSTAMP MEAN?
A: IT MEANS THAT YOUR CHECK IS NOW LIKE ANY OTHER CHECK ISSUED BY THE U.S. TREASURY. THERE ARE NOT USG RESTRICTIONS AS TO THE BANK IN WHICH IT MAY BE CASHED OR DEPOSITED. THE ANNUITANT SHOULD INFORM HIMSELF, HOWEVER, OF RELEVANT POLISH FOREIGN EXCHANGE REGULATIONS.
Q: IF I WANT TO HAVE MY CHECK SENT TO A BANK IN THE U.S., WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?
A: YOU MUST HAVE A BANK ACCOUNT PRIOR TO REQUESTING SOCIAL SECURITY TO DO SO, SINCE THEY WILL NOT OPEN AN ACCOUNT FOR YOU. YOU MUST THEN FILL OUT FORM SF-233 WHICH GIVES THE BANK THE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT THE CHECKS. THEN YOU MUST FILL OUT THE CHANGE-OF-ADDRESS FORM WHICH CAN BE GIVEN TO YOU HERE AT THE EMBASSY.

5. DEPT. SUGGESTS FOLLOWING Q AND A BE ADDED:
Q: WILL OVERSTAMPED CHECKS NOT CASHED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1975 STILL BE VALID?
A: YES, CHECKS DATED BEFORE JULY 1 MAY STILL BE CASHED AFTER THAT DATE AND WILL BE EXCHANGED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 1968 AGREEMENT AS IT OPERATED UP UNTIL JULY 1, 1975. YOU SHOULD NOT DELAY, HOWEVER, IN CASHING THESE CHECKS.
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